

Appl. No. 09/441,142
Amtd. dated April 19, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 8, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 8, 2004.

In this Amendment, claims 99 and 101-105 are canceled to expedite the prosecution, so that claims 96-98 and 100 are pending.

In the Office Action, claims 99 and 101 are rejected due to minor informalities. In response, claims 99 and 101-105 are canceled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, claims 96-105 are rejected as anticipated by Carl (U.S. Patent No. 5,381,685). The cover of the Carl patent indicates that it has an effective reference date of January 24, 1992, based on the filing date of abandoned U.S. Application No. 07/824,964.

The Carl patent is not prior art to the present application. Attached is a copy of the Official Filing Receipt in the present application and it indicates that the present application also claims priority back to 07/824,964, filed on January 24, 1992. Accordingly, the Carl patent is not prior art to the present application, since the effective reference date for Carl (January 24, 1992) is not prior to the earliest filing date for the present application (also January 24, 1992). Accordingly, withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is requested.

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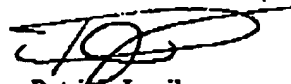
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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